

19 May 1960

MEMORANDUM FORM: COMAR Members
SUBJECT: Personnel and Space Allocations
REFERENCE: Memo from DCI 26 April 1960

1. This confirmation of our internal duties may well be to good us into more action thereon, so this "mandate and call for action" should be handled as suggested below. We are not, of course, in the "Chain of Command" so can submit only recommendations to the Executive and the Director. Final "action", therefore, rests with those two offices, especially when the Assistant Directors do not go along with our suggestions.

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a. [] will take care of Paragraph 2a(1) which reads as follows: "The defining of essential substantive programs and the elimination of substantive effort which, even though it may be of some value, is not currently essential to the CIA mission." Start with OME as that is the chief problem. Ask them for their latest organizational and functional charts, their statements of functions, their plans and production effort, etc. DO NOT, HOWEVER, RING OVER THERE BOURNEISHOD AS THE MEDIUM SHOCK WOULD BE TOO MUCH FOR THEM. As you know from our immediate statement about COMAR determining the views on working papers in the outside agencies, the Assistant Director, OME, is still pretty touchy on his responsibilities for his operating office.

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b. [] will carry the ball on Paragraphs 2 and 3 which read:

"2. The early recommendation of solutions for current problems in connection with abstracting and indexing, liaison, intelligence information requirements, and overt collection effort within the agency.

"3. Reducing to the extent possible the requirements for reproduction and dissemination of substantive materials."

2. In connection with these two paragraphs much already has been done, but follow-ups can now be made with OME and the other offices to see if there is any improvement of real accomplishments following our recommendations. I don't yet know whether the Executive has issued any instructions regarding NM publications, following

upon our memo of 15 May, and I have heard nothing recently from Management, which I believe has the action on liaison and overt collection efforts within the agency.

3. Although you are hereby appointed the "Executive's agents" as outlined above, that does not mean that we are all not to talk over the situation which you individually may be spark plugging.

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